GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NIE
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to increase the financial assistance given to the National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai to carry out field works and to enhance laboratory facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated for the Institute during each of the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), Chennai receives Government grants through ICMR. Presently ICMR has no plans to increase the financial assistance to NIE to enhance laboratory facilities, as there are no immediate plans for its expansion.

(c): National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), Chennai came into existence on 2nd July, 1999 by merger of Institute for Research in Medical Statistics (IRMS) and Central JALMA Institute for Leprosy (CJIL) field units of ICMR. The funds allocated to NIE since 1999-2000 is as under.

(Rs. in lakhs)

1999-2000	2000-2001
279.73	499.80